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SUBJECT: QUAI AIRGRAM ON BROWN AND AFL-CIO

1. LABATT WAS OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO READ A QUAI
"AIRGRAM" SENT TO ALL FRENCH DIPLOMATIC POSTS DATED
9 FEBRUARY ON THE SUBJECT OF IRVING BROWN AND AFL-CIO
POLICIES. CIRCULAR IS ON THE WHOLE A BALANCED AND
OBJECTIVE PIECE OF WRITING WITH ACCURATE DESCRIPTION
OF BROWN'S LEGENDARY EFFECTIVENESS IN ANTI-COMMUNIST
OPERATIONS, HIS KEEN POLITICAL ACUMEN, BUT ALSO HIS
ASSOCIATION WITH COLD WAR PERIOD. IT REFERS TO HIS
RECENT APPOINTMENT AS U.S. WORKER DELEGATE TO ILO
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AND POSSIBILITY OF HIS FILLING THE SEAT OF AFL-CIO

REPRESENTATIVE ON OECD'S TRADE UNION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

2. QUAI REPORT CORRECTLY INTERPRETS BROWN'S PRESENCE IN EUROPE AS INDICATION OF AFL-CIO'S STRATEGY TO DEVELOP BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENT BUT IT SUCCUMBS TO FRENCH TEMPTATION TO SEE IN THIS A BROAD AND COORDINATED EFFORT WITH USG TO PROMOTE "ATLANTICISM".

3. THE ONLY OTHER ERROR IN REPORT IS AN ASSUMPTION THAT BROWN IS INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING ETUC. THIS MAY BE INDICATIVE OF A BROADER FRENCH BELIEF THAT USG AND AFL-CIO HAVE WELCOMED IF NOT PROMOTED ETUC AS AN INSTRUMENT DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN ATLANTIC TIES. LABATT HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN CORRECTING THAT IMPRESSION AND CINCHED HIS ARGUMENT BY REFERRING HIS QUAI CONTACT TO BROWN'S INTERVIEW TO "INTERSOCIAL" (PARIS 5326). QUAI OFFICIAL CONCEDED THAT AIRGRAM HAD ERRED ON THIS POINT.
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